GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF KUDREMUKH NATIONAL PARK VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 201 families have been affected due to formation of Kudremukh National Park;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government to provide financial assistance to these families;

(d) if so, the amount so far released by the Union Government for rehabilitation; and

(e) the time by which all the displaced families would be rehabilitated?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRINAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) As reported by the Government of Karnataka there are 1299 families living within Kudremukh National Park. The first phase of the project on rehabilitation of villages from within the National Park would involve voluntary rehabilitation of 201 families.

(c) Yes Sir. A proposal was received by this Ministry for providing financial assistance amounting to Rs 18.35 lakhs, for acquisition of land to rehabilitate the families in Phase I of the project.

(d) It was not possible to allocate the funds from the present budgetary provisions of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries`. Hence the State Government was advised to send the proposal to the Planning Commission for possible budgetary allocation in the State Plan.

(e) As reported by Government of Karnataka, rehabilitation of the families in the first phase would require five years after initiation of the project.